OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, TEXT-BOOK COMMITTEE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TEXT-BOOK COMMITTEE HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION IN MYSORE, BANGALORE, ON MONDAY THE 16TH APRIL AT 2 P.M.

Present.

(1) Mr. N. S. Subba Rao, M.A. (CANTAB.), BAR.-AT-LAW (President).
(2) Dr. S. P. Chinnappa, M.A., Ph.D., L.T.
(3) Mr. K. Srinarasimhaiya, M.A., L.T.
(4) Sri Srirangamma, B.A.
(5) Mr. B. Mahomed Beig, B.A.
(6) ,, K. T. Sudarsanaiengar, B.A., Personal Assistant to the Director of Public Instruction.
(7) ,, R. Jagannatha Rao, B.A., L.T., Secretary, Local Examinations Board.
(8) ,, Aga Mahomed Abbas Shustry.
(9) Pandit R. Ananthakrishna Sarma.
(10) Mr. Gulam Ahamed Kalami.
(11) ,, K. Krishna Rao, B.A., L.T.
(12) ,, A. R. Krishna Sastry, M.A.
(13) ,, K. N. Kini, M.A.
(14) ,, Mahomed Davud, B.A.
(15) ,, K. H. Ramayya, B.A., BAR.-AT-LAW.
(16) ,, K. Sampathgiri Rao, M.A.
(17) Dr. M. A. Sampathkumaran, M.A., Ph.D.
(18) Mr. S. Sivaraman, M.A., L.T.
(19) ,, C. Subba Rao, M.A.
(20) The Rev. W. E. Tomlinson.
(21) Mr. B. Venkatanaranappa, M.A.
(22) ,, B. Venkatesa Char, M.A.
(23) ,, D. Venkataramaiya, B.A., L.T.
(24) ,, M. Venkatasubbaiya, B.A.
(25) ,, T. S. Venkannaiya, M.A.
(26) ,, H. K. Veerabasavaiya, B.A., B.L.
(27) ,, C. R. Narayana Rao, M.A., L.T.
(28) ,, M. Venkatesa Iyengar, M.A.
(29) ,, A. N. Narasimhaiya, B.A., L.T. (Secretary)

Absent.

(1) Mr. M. Sultan Mohiyuddin, M.A., LL.B., M. ED., Deputy Director of Public Instruction (Vice-President).
(2) ,, B. Basavaradhya, B.A., B.L.
(3) Miss. M. L. Butler, B.A.
(4) Pandit C. Gurusantha Sastry.
(5) Sri Kanakalakshmamma, M.A.
(6) Mr. F. R. Sell, M.A.
(7) Miss. Z. Lazarus, B.A., L.T.
(8) Mr. M. T. Narayana Iyengar, M.A.
(9) Rao Bahadur Mr. R. Narasimha Char, M.A.
(10) Mr. P. M. Somasundaram Pillai, M.A., L.T.
(11) ,, B. Puttaiya, B.A.
(12) ,, S. G. Sastry, B.A., M.Sc. (Lond.)
(13) ,, Pandit T. Sreenivasaraghava Char.
(14) Miss. M. C. Albuquerque, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.M.
(15) Miss. C. E. Parsons.

Miss. C. E. Parsons and Messrs. P. M. Somasundaram Pillai and M. T. Narayana Iyengar wrote letters regretting their inability to attend the meeting of the Text-Book Committee.

I. The Proceedings of the last Annual Meeting of the Text-Book Committee were considered, and after some discussion in which Messrs. Gulam Ahamed Kalami, D. Venkataramaiah and B. Venkatanaranappa took part, they were confirmed.

II. The Committee then took up the Annual Report of the Text Book-Committee and of each of its Sub-Committees for consideration. After some discussion, the Secretary's Report on the working of the Text-Book Committee and the Reports of the Sub-Committees for the year 1926-27 were adopted.

III. Resolution No. 18 of the Science Sub-Committee :—

"The drawing up of the syllabuses also for the various classes in the several subjects be entrusted to the Text-Book Committee."

The above resolution was moved by Dr. M. A. Sampathkumaran on behalf of Mr. S. G. Sastry. It was opposed by Mr. Venkatesa Char. Mr. R. Jagannatha Rao pointed out that there was no agency to collect suggestions for the improvement or the modification of the syllabuses for the several grades of schools. A separate and continuous body was necessary to compile and examine all the objections and suggestions regarding the syllabuses for th Primary and Middle School Classes. The several Sub-Committees of the Text-Book Com mittee would be the best bodies to take cognizance of such suggestions and even to give suggestions and modify the syllabuses with a view to bring them up to date. He, therefore, commended the acceptance of the resolution. Mr. D. Venkataramaiya suggested that the syllabuses drawn up by the Text-Book Committee should be approved by the S. S. L. C. Board in the same way as text-books. Mr. C. R. Narayana Rao deprecated the acceptance of the resolution. Mr. K. Sampathgiri Rao suggested the modification that the Text-Book Committee may be consulted before giving the syllabuses the final shape. Mr. K. Srinarasimhaiya supported the resolution as the Text-Book Committee contained men of experience, in touch with the teaching and inspection work of the Department, and therefore, able to suggest alterations for the approval of the Local Examination and S. S. L. C. Boards. He also suggested that Sub-Committees might propose modifications in the syllabuses for the approval of the Local Examination and S. S. L. C. Boards. The proposition was amended and finally passed in the following form :—

"Resolved that the syllabuses for the various classes be drawn up by the respective Boards in consultation with the Text-Book Committee and that the Text-Book Committee be also empowered to suggest modifications and changes in the syllabuses."

IV. Regarding the "Prescription of at least one text-book for each class, from the highest to the lowest, dealing exclusively, about Mysore—its Geography, History, Royal Family, Institutions, Industries, and so on," Mr. D. Venkataramaiya suggested the formation of a sub-committee to consider all the aspects of this question and submit a report within three months. Mr. B. Venkatanaranappa suggested that one book complete in itself may be prepared for the Primary, Middle and High School Classes, respectively. Mr. D. Venkataramaiya wanted to know whether we should have lessons in History, Geography, etc., of Mysore—(i) in the Readers from the lowest to the highest classes, (ii) or a separate book to be studied by the classes. Mr. K. H. Ramayya suggested that all subjects relating to Mysore be given in each book for each of the grades of classes, the language being Kannada or Urdu. Dr. S. P. Chinnappa suggested that the division should be by topics and not by grades. Mr. K. Srinarasimhaiya wanted that this should be made concentric and also special topics prescribed for special grades. Dr. M. A. Sampathkumaran stated that there should be no water-tight compartments for topics for the several grades of schools. Mr. K. H. Ramayya again demanded a comprehensive book for each grade of classes, as many boys and girls gave up their education at the end of the Primary or the Middle School course. Dr. S. P. Chinnappa suggested the preparation of three graded books. The Rev. W. E. Tomlinson stated that the proposed book would be an omnibus magazine and there would be difficulty in putting the suggested scheme into practice, and he preferred an ampler course in Mysore History and another course in Geography, and another in Civics in addition to the usual study of the History and Geography of Mysore. Mr. Gulam Ahamed Kalami said that comprehensive books in Kannada and Urdu were quite enough. Votes were taken, and all excepting one voted for the preparation of a comprehensive book for each of the different grades of schools in Kannada and Urdu. A committee consisting of the following members was appointed to go into the question in detail and to submit a report within a period of three months :—

(i) Mr. B. Venkatanaranappa, M.A. (Convenor).
(ii) ,, K. Sampathgiri Rao, M.A.
(iii) ,, M. Venkatesa Iyengar, M.A.
(iv) ,, T. S. Venkannaiya, M.A.
(v) ,, M. Davud, B.A.
(vi) Dr. S. P. Chinnappa, M.A., L.T., Ph.D.

PROPOSITIONS BY MR. B. VENKATANARANAPPA.

1. "That the Director of Public Instruction be requested to have suitable Readers, bo in Kannada and English, prepared neatly with nice illustrations, on the model of cur English Readers, under the direction of the Sub-Committees concerned of the Text-Boo Committee, for being prescribed as text books for the Middle School Classes, the same book to continue for a certain number of years; and that the several readers now prescribed for the lower classes be suitably revised together with a view to have a graduated and co-ordinated set of readers."

M. B. Venkatanaranappa moved the above proposition and pointed out that the books for the Primary and the Middle School grades were very badly got up, and were written by different authors, with no reference to the gradation of standard and oftentimes had no illustrations. He suggested that a series of Kannada and English Readers should be compiled by the Department and their use prescribed for a period of three years. Dr. S. P. Chinnappa said that he did not like the proposition, because of the way in which it was worded; but he suggested that the preparation and publication of all the text books should be thrown open to private competition. Mr. B. Venkatesachar wanted that a committee should be appointed to go into this question in detail and suggest how many books were to be written; how they should be written, and examine the financial implications of the question. Mr. K. Krishna Rao was against the appointment of a committee. Mr. C. R. Narayana Rao favoured the idea of a committee to go into this question. Mr. K. Sampathgiri Rao suggested that "High School Classes" also may be added after "Middle School Classes" in the resolution. The amendment was accepted by the mover. The Secretary pointed out that the Kannada Sub-Committee had recommended the revision of the departmental publications in Kannada while considering the recommendations of the Publication Committee, and hence there was no need for the appointment of a special committee to go into this question.

The resolution as amended was passed, and it was agreed that this question be left to the Department for consideration and disposal without reference to a committee.

Proposition II: "That the Director of Public Instruction be requested to get written, under the direction of the Kannada Sub-Committee, some half-a-dozen books in Kannada prose on selected subjects to serve as text books in Language for the S. S. L. C. and lower classes, with a view to standardize the literary forms."

Mr. Venkatanaranappa then moved the above proposition, and suggested that 6 books should be written in Kannada under the supervision of the Kannada Sub-Committee. Dr. M. A. Sampathkumaran seconded the proposition. Mr. D. Venkataramaiya opposed the proposition and wanted that such publication should be undertaken by the Kannada Academy. Mr. K. Srinarasimhaiya stated that there were many difficulties in the way and that mere preparation of books did not go far, and therefore, wanted that text books should be prescribed early, *i.e.*, one year beforehand, and might be sent to the Kannada Academy for correction and revision before publication by the Department. The motion was put to vote and was lost.

Proposition III: "That in the publication of books for being prescribed as text-books, in future, special attention be paid to freedom from mistakes of all kinds, neatness of get up and provision for a sufficient number of neat illustrations where they may be necessary, undue importance to cheapness in prices being avoided."

The above proposition was moved by Mr. B. Venkatanaranappa and seconded by Mr. K. Sampathgiri Rao. Dr. M. A. Sampathkumaran complained against the very bad illustrations found in the departmental text books. In response to a remark that there were complaints in the Representative Assembly about the expensiveness of text-books, Mr. B. Venkatanaranappa wanted to know whether any complaints had been received from the public or the Representative Assembly regarding the costliness of the Departmental Kannada V Reader. The Secretary pointed out that the text book under reference had been in use only since June last, and that the Representative Assembly had met only once since then, so that it was too early to infer that there was no complaint in the matter.

The President assured the Meeting that the Department would do all that could be done in the matter. The proposition was put to vote and carried.

Proposition IV: "That the present form of review of books by members of Sub-Committees be suitably altered so as to provide for general remarks, if any, on the merits of the works in question, and that the practice of sending the review of the first member to the second hereunder be done away with, for obvious reasons.

The above proposition brought up by Mr. Venkatanaranappa was discussed and the President of the Text-Book Committee said that the revision of the Review Form was before the English Sub-Committee. The proposition was then put to vote and carried.

With the usual vote of thanks to the Chair, the Meeting came to a close.

N. S. SUBBA RAO,
President,
Text-Book Committee.

MAHARAJA'S SANSKRIT COLLEGE, MYSORE.

FINAL EXAMINATION IN VAIKHANASA AGAMA 1928.

Mysore, dated 8th May 1928.

Pass List.

Reg. No.	*Name of candidate.*
1.	Venkataramana Deekshit.
2.	K. Srinivasa Aiyangar.

C. RAMANUJA IYENGAR,
Secretary,
Maharaja's Sanskrit College Committee, Mysore.